

Correspondence

Items Gathered by
THE CITIZEN STAFF
About the County.

Siko.

Dec. 28th.—Maud and Leila Ridd, of Honesdale, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ridd.

James Copeland has purchased a horse of A. W. Bunting.

John Bates had the misfortune to sprain his ankle one day last week.

Leon Mitchell and Gerald Bunting have returned from their trip to New York.

A few from this place attended the Christmas exercises at Pleasant Valley last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Merritt Bolkeom and daughter, Nettie, of Carbondale, leave to-day for their new home in Port Jervis, after spending Christmas with the former's parents, T. H. Ridd and wife.

Charles Keller expects to have a Bell phone installed in his home soon.

Ethel Mitchell and Emily Bates, of Honesdale, spent Christmas with their parents.

Uswick.

Dec. 28th.—The home-coming holidays brought the following young people: Helen Crane, of Brooklyn; Violet Crane, of Honesdale; Walter Pennell, of Waymart; Clarence Pennell, of State College, and Samuel Miller, of the Baltimore Medical College.

The M. E. Sunday school had their usual Christmas exercises and tree at the church, last Thursday evening.

On Friday night a dance was held in the P. O. S. of A. Hall. A load of young people from Hawley attended.

Gladys Pennell and Conrad Reineke enjoyed a sleigh ride to Hawley on Sunday afternoon, the 20th inst. and called on May DeGrote.

Agnes Beahan gave her pupils a vacation from Thursday until Monday, January 4th.

Mrs. Peter Daniels has been visiting her daughter, at Wilsonville. While there she also visited her former neighbor, Mrs. Alice DeGrote, who now lives at Hawley.

Mr. Schults, of New York, came home to pass Christmas with his family, at Cherry Ridge cottage.

On Friday night the young people of Jones town met with Eva Shaw and enjoyed a candy social. Proceeds to be given to their pastor, Rev. Mr. East.

Charles Afford and family, of Hawley, were guests of Mrs. Afford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Masters, of Arlington, on Friday.

There was a family reunion at the home of Peter Daniels, on Friday. A fine dinner was served, and a tree was in evidence, well laden with gifts. Mr. and Mrs. George Heichelbeck, of Wilsonville, were present.

Eugene Stroh entertained his nephew from New York, last week.

Mrs. George H. Butler, of Carbondale, ate Christmas dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, and family, of Avoy.

S. R. Crane, Frank Olmstead and Frank Pennell have the poles set for the telephone line to extend from the Uswick postoffice to their homes. They will soon be in communication with their neighbors and others.

John Schlepner has caught thirty coons this fall, with his well trained dog. John Maines and Arthur Crane killed two foxes on Monday last, and one since. Lafayette James killed two, Ernest Sleezer one, and Ward Haney one, making seven killed thus far.

Most of the wells and springs in this section are still dry. Many of the farmers are compelled to haul water a long distance.

The supervisors and path masters met last week at Eugene Stroh's, to hand in their accounts and fix up their books. Mr. Stroh served them an excellent dinner, prepared by his own hands.

Mr. Gausser has rented his house and returned to the city, where he has secured employment. His hired man boards at Schlepner's, and takes care of the stock.

Bethany.

Dec. 28th.—J. V. Starnes was a caller in Carbondale recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hauser spent Christmas with their son, James and family at Vandling.

Russell Gammell returned from State College Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Marjorie Hauser is spending the week with relatives in Towanda.

Rev. and Mrs. Cowdy are very happy this Christmas, as they have all their children home. Fred. Cody leaves Tuesday for his home in Rochester.

Mrs. Robertson and Miss Strongman gave a family dinner at their home to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hauser and family on Christmas.

John Ballou has bought the Trause property and will take possession in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faatz ate dinner Christmas with the former's son, Cory Faatz and family at Haines.

Emerson Gammell, son and daughter,

ate Christmas dinner with Asa Kimble's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Blake entertained Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ward and family, A. O. Blake and daughter, Florence, and John Gough for dinner Christmas.

Mrs. Allan Lawrence and daughters, Isabelle, Harriet, and Gertrude, and son, Carl, of Scranton, spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Manning, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Bennett had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Kimble, Bessie and Fred. Kimble, of Pleasant Valley, for Christmas.

A very pleasant Christmas was spent at the home of Mortimore E. Lavo; those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Paynter and two daughters, of Carbondale, Edna Lavo, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ballou and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sutton.

The entertainment at the school on Patron's Day was very much enjoyed by those who attended. The singing by the school was very hearty with solos by Stella Dudley and Ella Blake. There were also recitations and dialogues, a very pretty Christmas tree which was lighted and gifts were distributed to all the pupils. The teacher, Miss Alta Many, was nicely remembered.

The Presbyterian church was comfortably filled Christmas Eve and a very pleasant time was had. The exercises passed off very pleasantly, the children doing credit to their teachers, the Cody girls, Florence Blake and others; Ella Gammell having charge of the music.

There was a solo by Miss Cody and a duet by Fred. Hauser and Wayne Hazen. A lovely tree and other decorations were much admired. Gifts were exchanged, Rev. W. B. Signor receiving money from his people and Rev. James Coyle a pair of fur driving gloves.

Mrs. Kate Clemo and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Clemo, of Carbondale, ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hazen.

The meetings in the M. E. church closed last evening and Mrs. Larkin, who has been conducting them for three weeks, returned to her home in Philadelphia this morning. She has made many friends who regret to see her leave, hoping she will return again. Mr. Wyn returned Wednesday to his home in Allentown.

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Instructions to Health Officers.

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"In order to carry out the provisions of the above law it becomes your duty to acquaint yourself with the names and addresses of all midwives and nurses residing or practicing in your district, and to place a copy of the law in the hands of each, instructing her as to its requirements.

"Immediately on receiving notification from a midwife or nurse of the occurrence of a case of red or swollen eyes in a young infant you will inform the attending physician of the fact and will place in the hands of the midwife or nurse the accompanying instructions, explaining that she is to follow them only until a physician arrives to take charge of the case. If no physician has been employed, you will urge upon the family the necessity for obtaining one, as otherwise the child may become permanently blind.

Here is the prescription given for treating inflamed eyes in new-born infants until the physician arrives:

"To one pint of boiled water add two teaspoonfuls of boric acid and half a teaspoonful of table salt and keep covered in a jar which has been boiled. With a perfectly clean cloth or a wad of absorbent cotton bathe the lids with this solution and drop a few drops in the eye three times a day.

State Health Commissioner Dixon has also requested the department's medical inspector in every county in the state to assist the health officers in the discharge of the duty assigned them. A letter has also been written to the secretary of every city, borough and first class township board of health in Pennsylvania, calling their attention to the law and urging that these boards adopt such measures as will lead to its early enforcement in the municipality under the local board's jurisdiction. The wording of the act of June 26, 1895, is as follows:

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STATE TO PREVENT INFANT BLINDNESS

Health Commissioner Dixon Says One-Third of the Cases of Blindness Can be Prevented.

MOTHER SHOULD CALL DOCTOR

Old Law to Be Enforced That Will Secure Proper Treatment For New-Born Infants and Save Loss of Eyesight.

To guard new-born infants against that terrible misfortune, blindness, State Health Commissioner Dixon has revived a state law passed some years ago for just this object, but never enforced to any extent. This law, passed June 26, 1895, is entitled "An act for the prevention of blindness, imposing a duty upon all midwives, nurses or other persons having the care of infants, and also upon the health officer, and fixing a penalty for neglect thereof."

Dr. Dixon declared today "that if the provisions of this law are carried out there is reason to hope that one-third of the cases of blindness which so greatly diminishes the productive value of the individual and too often renders him a burden on society may be prevented."

Letter to Physicians.

To ten thousand physicians throughout Pennsylvania Health Commissioner Dixon is sending the following letter:

"You are probably aware of the fact that the American Medical association at its last annual meeting authorized the issue of the report of the committee on ophthalmia neonatorum, which forcibly called attention to the fact that a very large percentage of the cases of blindness which the state is called upon to support is caused by that disease, and urged the necessity for organized and concerted effort on the part of the profession in all of the states of the Union to diminish this evil. That this appeal is most timely is sufficiently indicated by a recent report from the Pennsylvania School for the Blind, which shows that in the past eight years more than one-third of the persons admitted to that institution have owed their affliction to this cause.

"This department has, therefore, thought it desirable to revive a law which has for many years lain dormant on our statute books, and a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

"Inasmuch, however, as I doubt the wisdom of entrusting the treatment of so delicate an organ as the eye to unskilled hands, I have appended to the law instructions making it the duty of the health officer to urge those in charge to secure the services of a physician at the earliest possible moment after the discovery of the disease, and have suggested a harmless cleansing solution to be used until such time as the physician could arrive and initiate the active treatment for which the nitrate of silver or some other silver salt will probably be deemed most effective. May I hope for your assistance in carrying out this plan for diminishing a fertile cause of misery and disability?"

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their affliction to a disease of the conjunctiva appearing a few days after birth; and

"Whereas, Experience has proven that the inflammation can be cured and the eyesight saved in the majority of cases if treatment be instituted in an early state of the disease; and

"Whereas, Destruction of the eyes and blindness are usually the result of delay of treatment.

"Section 1. Be it enacted, etc. That should one or both eyes of an infant become inflamed or swollen or redened at any time within two weeks after birth, it shall be the duty of the midwife or nurse, or other person having the care of such infant, to report in writing, within six hours after the discovery thereof, to the health officer or legally qualified practitioner of the city, town or district in which the mother of the child resides, the fact that such inflammation or swelling or redness exists.

"Section 2. That it shall be the duty of said health officer, immediately upon receipt of said written report, to notify the parents or the person having charge of said infant of the danger to the eye or eyes of said infant by reason of said condition from neglect of proper treatment of the same, and he shall also enclose to them directions for the proper treatment thereof.

"Section 3. Every health officer shall furnish a copy of this act to each person who is known to him to act as midwife or nurse in the city or town for which such health officer is appointed, and the secretary of state shall cause a sufficient number of copies of this act to be printed and supply the same to such health officers on application.

"Section 4. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this act shall be punishable by fine not to exceed \$200, or imprisonment not to exceed thirty days, or both."

ATHLETES WILL APPEAL.

Say Suspension by Amateur Athletic Union Is Unjust.

New York, Dec. 29.—The six prominent athletes who were suspended by the registration committee of the Amateur Athletic union say they will appeal against the decision, alleging that their suspension is unjust.

They are Melvin W. Sheppard, Charles Bacon, Harry F. Porter and George V. Bonhag of the Irish-American Athletic club, F. G. Bellars, New York Athletic club, and J. J. Lee, formerly of the Boston Athletic association, but now unattached.

The charge against the men was professionalism, the allegations being that they accepted or asked for exorbitant expense money.

SECRET SERVICE MESSAGE.

President Will Send It to Congress After the Holiday recess.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt has prepared a message to congress in answer to the resolution sent to him by that body asking for all the information in his possession as to investigations by the secret service agents involving members of congress.

The message will be sent in by the president on Jan. 4 on the reassembling of congress after the holiday recess.

TAMMANY SPURNS MCLELLAN

New York's Wigwag to Be Reorganized at Meeting Tonight.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Tammany committees are to meet tonight to reorganize for 1909. It is reported that all responsibility for the administration of Mayor McClellan will be deleted.

It is understood that Leader Charles F. Murphy will win out in the reorganization.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call was 2 per cent; time money and mercantile paper unchanged in rates.

Closing prices:

Amal. Copper.....	84 1/2	Norfolk & West.....	83
Atchafalpa.....	101	Northwestern.....	104 1/2
B. & O.....	113 1/2	Penn. R. R.....	113 1/2
Brooklyn R. T.....	88	Reading.....	141 1/2
Ches. & Ohio.....	58 1/2	Rock Island.....	24 1/2
C. C. & St. L.....	63 1/2	St. Paul.....	157 1/2
D. L. & W.....	159	Southern Pac.....	125 1/2
D. & H.....	131	Southern Ry.....	37 1/2
Erie.....	85	South. Ry. pr.....	67 1/2
Gen. Electric.....	109 1/2	Sugar.....	132 1/2
Ill. Central.....	147 1/2	Texas Pacific.....	26 1/2
Int.-Met.....	194	Union Pacific.....	134 1/2
Louis. & Nash.....	123 1/2	U. S. Steel.....	54 1/2
Manhattan.....	134 1/2	U. S. Steel pr.....	113 1/2
Missouri Pac.....	99 1/2	West. Union.....	88 1/2
N. Y. Central.....	113 1/2		

Market Reports.

WHEAT—Quiet, but steady; contract grade, December, \$1.03 1/2-1.04.

CORN—Firm and 1/2c higher; December, 57 1/2-58.

OATS—Quiet, but steady; No. 2 white, natural, 56-56 1/2c.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy grades scarce; receipts, 4,327 packages; creamery, specials, 23 1/2c (official 23c); extras, 24 1/2-25c; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy, selected white, 46c; brown and mixed, fancy, 34-35c; fair to choice, 30-32c; western firsts, 25c; seconds, 23-24c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Firm; turkeys, nearby, 22-23c; state and Pennsylvania, 23-24c; western, fancy, 22c; poor to good, 17-22c; spring chickens, broilers, nearby, 18-22c; western, 16-18c; roasting, nearby, 14c; barrels, 12 1/2-13 1/2c; old roosters, 12-14c; ducks, western, 12-13c; geese, nearby, 12 1/2-13 1/2c; western, 10-12c; squabs, white, per dozen, \$1.50-1.60.

HAY AND STRAW—Dull; timothy, per hundred, 76-77c; shipping, 62-65c; clover, mixed, 54-57c; clover, 52-55c; rye straw, 52c; small bales, 24-25c less.

MRS. HAINS WEEPS

Defendant's Mother Makes Scene in Court Today.

JURORS ARE DEEPLY AFFECTED

James Turney, Witness For the Defense, Again Takes the Stand and Helps Thornton Hains' Case.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Hains, the gray haired mother of Thornton Jenkins Hains, created a pathetic scene today in Justice Crane's court at the trial of her son for abetting Captain Hains in the murder of William E. Anns.

It was the second time since the tragedy that the grief stricken mother had an opportunity to see her son, and they embraced after she reached the rail. For several minutes Mrs. Hains remained with one arm around the neck of her son, crying bitterly and pressing the defendant to her.

Most of the men in the jury seemed to be deeply affected by the spectacle of Mrs. Hains' grief. Several of them used their handkerchiefs to wipe away moisture on their own cheeks.

John Tierney, the street cleaning department collector, who was an eyewitness to the tragedy, again took the stand today. He declared that Captain Hains had ceased firing before his brother ran down to the float and that Thornton Hains did not draw his revolver until Charles Roberts, a club member, advanced toward Captain Hains with the captain's revolver in his hand.

Tierney said that Thornton Hains did not point his revolver at any one on the float, but called for an officer to arrest his brother.

Tierney said he went to the Bayside Yacht club on Aug. 15 to collect some money for removing garbage and went down to the float to see Mr. Leavitt.

"I saw the boat coming in and saw Captain Hains go toward the boat," said Tierney. "He stooped down and grabbed the boom and commenced shooting. The shots were all fired in a jiffy. After the shooting I saw 'Big John' grab the captain and shake him. I don't know whether he knocked the gun from the captain's hands or not. I saw Mr. Roberts go and get the gun.

"I saw the defendant run down the runway after the shooting and lead him away. The defendant didn't draw his gun until Roberts came over to the captain. Thornton Hains said: 'This is my brother. I'll take care of him. Got a policeman?'

"Did you see Mrs. Anns on the float at the time of the shooting?"

"No, I didn't see any woman on the float."

Tierney said that he remained on the float about five minutes and was ordered away. Tierney said that the defendant made none of the alleged declarations. "The first man to move will get the same."

"Did the defendant put the pistol to the back of any woman on the float?"

"He did not."

Tierney said he thought it was about a minute after the shooting finished that Thornton Hains ran down the runway. Counsel desired to time the witness as to the period that elapsed from the time of the last shot to when the defendant was seen running down the runway, and Justice Crane directed the witness to hold his hand up and keep it there the length of the period which counsel desired to know. The witness held his hand up six seconds.

LONGBOAT ON HONEYMOON.

Bride's Brother Is an Indian Chief, Who Gave Her Away.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Tom Longboat, the Indian long distance runner, who was quietly married to Miss Lorretta Maracle, started on his honeymoon today.

The Rev. Mr. Cregan, a Church of England clergyman, who is in charge of the Indian mission at Deseronto, performed the ceremony. There were a dozen or more friends of the contracting parties present.

Tom Flanagan, the Indian's manager, was best man, and Miss Claus, a cousin of the bride from Albany, N. Y., was the bridesmaid. The bride was given away by her brother, an Indian chief.

The Thirtieth Year.

They who attain their thirtieth year without serious illness are likely to live to seventy-three.

A Many Titled Czar.

If the Czarowitz Alexis lives to ascend his father's throne he will have more titles than he can remember. He will be a czar six times over and in addition will bear more than twenty ducal titles, besides innumerable other dignities. He will be lord of a hundred palaces, with more than 30,000 servants, and his private estates will cover 2,000,000 acres, yielding an annual revenue of over \$10,000,000.

Plague of the Motor Bus.

The Egyptians suffered only seven plagues. The Parisians have a few more. One of the most recent of these is called the motor bus. It does not rage everywhere yet, but it is spreading from day to day and threatens to reach every quarter. — Paris Journal.

A Way Out of It.

President of Local A. W. O. U. Club—The secretary informs me that the work of erecting the new pavilion has been suspended because our stock of wood has become exhausted. Now, I think if we all put our heads together we shall be able to provide an adequate supply of that material.—London Opinion.

Perversity.
Why does that very apt retort,
That gem of repartee,
I never thought of when I ought
Next day occur to me?

Why is it when I'm snug in bed
Ideas come fast and free,
But when I'm up and dressed my head
Is empty as can be?

Why is it when my soles are through
I fuss for new shoes till
I get a pair, and then, too true,
I wear the old ones still?

Why is it all nice things I see,
And all most good and true,
Should somehow never seem to be
The things I want to do?
—New York Herald.

A Long Time Between Shaves.

"It must be more than a week since I shaved you last, sah," said the barber as he looked down at his patron's bristling chin.

"Yes," replied the patron dryly, "I've been growing a new skin."

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lost the Game.

The hunter missed.
An easy shot,
At which he blazed
Some language hot.
Yet, you'll agree,
"This very true sir,
What plainly he
Was a game loser."
—Kansas City Times.

At the Peary Gates.

"Your harp," said a polite attendant

"Thanks."

"Your halo."

The attendant turned away.

"And my lorgnette, please," commanded Mrs. De Style, with well bred hauteur.—Puck.

Exit the Poet.

"There are fools other than talkative ones."